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Anniversary Sunday, January 16, 1977

Next Sunday, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will be celebrating with 10 couples of St. John's who will have their 25th, 40th, or 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 1977. We ask that you remember that these couples will be inviting their families and friends to celebrate with them, so the church will be crowded more so than usual. If there are any of you who feel you can attend another Mass to help alleviate this over-crowdedness, we would appreciate your doing so.

Couples celebrating are:

Glen and Helen Seaver	50 years
Leo and Mae Hayes	40 years
Edgar and Margaret Look	40 years
John and Carmelita Mongiat	40 years
Daniel and Rita Shemon	40 years
Leroy and Loretta Sherwood	40 years
Jim and Kay Baker	25 years
Thomas and Eileen Clements	25 years
Robert and Madeline Groshans	25 years
Richard and Marilyn Ouellette	25 years

Attention!

Please mark your calendars - January 11th! We will need many men and women on Tuesday evening, January 11, at 7:00 p.m., to take down Christmas decorations in church. Plan to come!

John Thomas
Worship Commission Chairman

Catholic Weekly Subscriptions

The Diocese of Lansing publishes a weekly newspaper called **The Catholic Weekly.** During the month of January, all parishioners of St. John's have the opportunity to subscribe or renew subscriptions to the paper. By placing subscriptions at one time, a great savings is realized to everyone. In the January packet of envelopes, a green colored envelope is available for this very purpose. Please mark the envelope and return it by the last Sunday of January if you wish to have the Catholic Weekly mailed to your home.

During the past year, the paper gave good coverage to our own local area. A weekly reading of the paper is also a good way to keep updated on happenings in the Church throughout the year. If you have not subscribed before, why not try during the coming year.

Fr. Harvey

Liturgically Speaking...

Fr. Jim Burns

Years prior to the Second Vatican Council when St. Christopher was still considered a necessary part of automobile safety, and before any proposed federal regulations about air bags, seat belts, and anti-pollution devices; we had in my home parish of St. Christopher's, Detroit, the custom every July of blessing cars. The parish priests would vest in their cassocks, stoles, and surplices, and armed with the holy water and ritual, they would dutifully utter that very verbose and pious sounding petition entitled: Benedictio Vehiculi Seu Currus, that is, Blessing of an automobile or any kind of vehicle. Being a Sunday in July, the weather usually happened to be blistering and I always felt sorry for Father Boyce, who has since entered eternal life, for he was a very large man and the sweat came pouring off him as he very politely blessed each car that pulled to a stop in front of him. You can imagine the bumper to bumper procession as it curled its way around the church lot while the asphalt by this time got a bit sticky as well as the starched Roman collar round father's thick neck. As a young seminarian still in high school, I was learning my first lesson about a priest's duties.

Returning now to the present moment, I must admit that I have blessed very few cars since the Vatican Council, and since coming to St. John's, only two. My first blessing here was a red Ford pick-up belonging to a justly proud and happy new owner; then the next car was a large black Ford LTD loaded with all those extras. I did not comment on what I was being asked to do at the time, but since then I have reflected on this vanishing practice, and wish to share with you current theological thought on this topic.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states: "Popular devotions of the Christian people are warmly commended, provided they accord with the laws and norms of the Church." Thus the Council Fathers were not telling us to stop having our cars blessed, and I expect that as a priest I'll bless a few more as time goes by. It's a very personal matter and I think it says 'where you're at' as a church member. For someone else the act of having a car blessed might seem utterly needless and absurd. I have seen a variety of priests who still bless themselves with holy water as they enter in procession for a big liturgy at the Cathedral, but other priests who dispense with the same practice. So by way of pointing out a norm for devotional practices, please note

these words from **Liturgy and Spirituality** by Gabriel M. Braso, O.S.B.: "Prudence must guide the choice of devotions and prescribe their proper measure ... those devotions which are based on sentiment or which end up by saturating the religious capacity of our spirit so as to leave no room for the formation offered us by the liturgy, will necessarily mislead our spirituality and keep it superficial and inconstant." Or to put it another way, 'junk food' might keep you alive long enough to get to the doctor's office, but for a healthier you, be sure to eat your meat and potatoes, too ... (or something like that).

All that is left of the children's Christmas Eve Liturgy is a crossroad sign to Bethlehem, some beautiful "authentic" costumes, three bales of straw and lots of wonderful memories.

Thank you seems so inappropriate when you work with people who have donated so much time, talent, and patience. However, some of the satisfactions these good people will receive from working with the children are:

1. Knowing that 15 years from now our lambs will find it very difficult to believe they "crawled" all the way up the middle aisle of church and in white and black tights with tails!
2. Knowing that two brothers can actually be put in the same donkey costume and make it work.
3. That no matter what goes wrong during a children's liturgy, it seems like it had been planned - because they were working with children.

The names of the people who helped so wonderfully are too numerous to list but to everyone involved - -

Of all the ways that gratitude
And thanks can be expressed
The little phrase "God Bless You"
Seems to be the very best.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

We Celebrate Reconciliation is a family and parish centered program. It acknowledges and respects parents as the primary religious educators of their children. It takes seriously the role of the Christian community in the process of liturgical initiation.

Saturday, January 15, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass will be the Inscription Ceremony for the candidates who will be preparing for this important sacrament.

Letters have been sent to parents of children who should be in the program. If you have not received a letter and feel your child should be in this program, pelase contact Eileen Hageman, Re. Educ. Coordinator, at 483-6378.

New Life In Christ

Christina Anne Concialdi, daughter of Philip E. and Margaret A. (Koch) Concialdi of Orlando, Florida, was made one with the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Wednesday, December 19, 1976.

Christina's godparents in the Christian faith are Larry and Suzanne Koch.

Welcome, Christina, and best wishes to Phil and Peg.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: 9 JANUARY 1977

Water or fire, someone is trying to say,
"You're born again. Come alive!
Spread the good news of my love.
And let it catch on in your heart."

Rally For Life

On the anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision on abortion, Lifespan of Washtenaw County will sponsor a bus to the Rally for Life,

Saturday, January 22nd
Kennedy Square
Detroit, Michigan.

We will meet in St. John's parking lot at 11:15 a.m. A bus will take us to Detroit, and we will return around 4:00 p.m. The time of the rally is 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A donation of $1.00 is asked. Please call for bus reservations.:

Jane or Frank Greiner at 483-4255 (evenings)
Mary Claire or Bill Anhut at 482-5964

LET'S ALL BE WITNESSES FOR LIFE!

Parish Activities Meetings in January

Tuesday, January 11th
Meeting for the Millionaire's Party - 7:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

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Thursday, January 13th
Meeting of the Dance Committee - 7:30 p.m. - Rectory Basement

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Thursday, January 20th
Meeting of the Festival Committee - 7:30 p.m. - Rectory Basement

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Those who signed up in the time and talent survey for these areas are invited to attend these meetings, as well as those who are interested in helping in any way.

Intercessory Prayer

"God, Guardian of my rights.
You answer when I call.
When I am in trouble you come to my relief.
Now be good to me and hear my prayer."

LORD, we pray for:

St. John's Parish Team
the aged and shut-ins
the continued movement of the Spirit among St. John's family
all the sick of our parish
special Anniversary celebrants

LORD, we thank you for answering our prayer by the miracle worked in our hearts by the beauty of the Children's Liturgy Mass, the spirit of Christmas was truly there as the children re-enacted the birth of our Lord and many hearts were touched.

"Know this, Yahweh works wonders for those he loves."

Praise God,
Dave Rocha

Wedding Banns

III - Lynn Frentner & Linda Carrier
II - Richard S. Davenport & Rebecca L'Amoreaux
I - Ellery Brown & Sylvia Klught

Financial Barometer

January 1, 1977

Offertory $2,084.99
Hall Renovation 250.00

January 2, 1977

Offertory $2,972.00
Hall Renovation 140.00
Catholic Social Services 89.00

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 10 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Edna O'Sullivan, req. by Catherine McDermott
2:30 p.m. Patrick Brown, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Leon Wieber (at Parkview Nursing Home)

Tuesday, January 11 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Rev. Aloysius Miller, priests' pact
5:15 p.m. John J. Sanocki, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sanocki

Wednesday, January 12 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
9:00 a.m. Stafania Makowski, req. by the family

Thursday, January 13 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. John & Eva Frentner, req. by Dorothy Schuler
9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, January 14 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Walker

Saturday, January 15 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Lealand McCarberry, req. by James & Mary Westfall
5:00 p.m. Hillard Zeininger, req. by his mother
6:30 p.m. Wedding of Lynn Frentner & Linda Carrier

Sunday, January 16
7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Burkheiser, req. by Mrs. George Max
9:00 a.m. For the parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mabel Grein, req. by James Holoka
12:30 p.m. William Ken Hawes

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 9, 1977

First Reading	Is. 42:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-38
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday, January 16, 1977

First Reading	Is. 62:1-5
Second Reading	1 Cor. 12:4-11
Gospel	John 2:1-12

Marriage Encounter

Start the New Year off right by sharing a beautiful Marriage Encounter weekend with your spouse. The very next weekend is January 21-23, at Siena Heights, in Adrian. To learn more, come to an Information Night at St. Francis Church, Ann Arbor, TONIGHT, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m., or call Bob and Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446.

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
...2:30 Parkview Home Monday
...5:15 p.m. Tuesday ...9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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